

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of the United States is conducting its 102nd year of volunteer service to America; and

WHEREAS, year after year the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth so that what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, VFW Auxiliary supports the troops currently deployed overseas; and

WHEREAS, the 500,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and

WHEREAS, members volunteer nearly two million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 - 2016 National President, Francisca Guilford, is rallying VFW Auxiliary members with her theme, "Our Veterans Now & Forever":

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim January 12, 2016, as

OUR VETERANS NOW & FOREVER DAY

in the State of Mississippi in honor of National President, Francisca Guilford, and all members of the VFW Auxiliary for their outstanding volunteer service to veterans and their families, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and our great country.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the fifth day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR